

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device ~~including a free spins game~~ comprising:

- a plurality of sections;
- an outcome associated with said sections;
- a plurality of reels;
- a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of the sections;
- a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols;
- a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and
- a processor operable to provide a plurality of free spins to a player ~~activate the reels~~ upon the occurrence of the triggering event, wherein for each of the provided free spins, the processor is operable to:
 - (a) activate the reels,
 - (b) obtain at least one of the sections when a designated combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels,
 - (c) increment the modifier when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, and
 - (d) provide the outcome to the player when each of the sections has been obtained ~~in the free spins game~~, wherein the outcome is modified by the modifier.

Claim 2 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 3 (original): The gaming device of Claim 2, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.

Claim 4 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of modifiers associated with the section indicator symbols.

Claim 5 (original): The gaming device of Claim 4, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.

Claim 6 (original): The gaming device of Claim 5, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.

Claim 7 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 8 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 9 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 10 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 11 (original): The gaming device of Claim 7, wherein the multiplier increments by a randomly determined amount.

Claim 12 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.

Claim 13 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.

Claim 14 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 15 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 16 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 17 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

Claim 18 (original): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A gaming device ~~including a free spins game~~ comprising:

a plurality of sections;

~~an outcome associated with said sections;~~

a plurality of reels including a plurality of symbols, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of said sections;

a plurality of designated symbol combinations, said symbol combinations including at least two of said section indicator symbols, wherein each of said designated symbol combinations causes the sections to be obtained when the designated symbol combinations are indicated on the reels; and

a plurality of free spins provided to a player, wherein the reels are activated for each of said provided free spins;~~of the reels, wherein the~~ and

an outcome associated with said sections is provided to the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained by the indication of the designated symbol combinations on the reels before there are no free spins remaining.

Claim 20 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 21 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination is indicated on the reels.

Claim 22 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one multiplier associated with the section indicator symbols.

Claim 23 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 24 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 25 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 26 (original): The gaming device of Claim 22, wherein the multiplier increments by a random amount.

Claim 27 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.

Claim 28 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.

Claim 29 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 30 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 31 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols indicated on the reels.

Claim 32 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the payline.

Claim 33 (original): The gaming device of Claim 19, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when one of the designated symbol combinations is indicated on the paylines.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A gaming device ~~including a free spins game~~ comprising:

- a plurality of sections;
- an outcome associated with said sections;
- a plurality of reels;
- a plurality of symbols on the reels, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, each of said section indicator symbols associated with one of the sections;
- a modifier associated with the section indicator symbols;
- a triggering event associated with at least one of said symbols or a combination of said symbols occurring on said reels; and
- a processor operable to provide a plurality of free spins of the reels to a player ~~activate the reels~~ upon the occurrence of the triggering event, wherein for each of the provided free spins, the processor is operable to:

- (a) activate the reels,
- (b) obtain at least one of the sections when a designated combination of the section indicator symbols associated with said section occurs on the reels,
- (c) increment the modifier when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on the reels,
- (d) eliminate said section indicator symbol from the reels when said designated combination of section indicator symbols occurs on the reels, and
- (e) provide the outcome to the player when each of the sections has been obtained ~~in the free spins game~~, wherein the outcome is modified by the modifier.

Claim 35 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the symbols include at least one wild symbol.

Claim 36 (original): The gaming device of Claim 35, which includes a wild symbol combination including at least two of said wild symbols, wherein all of the sections are obtained when said wild symbol combination occurs on the reels.

Claim 37 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of modifiers associated with the section indicator symbols.

Claim 38 (original): The gaming device of Claim 37, wherein the modifiers include multipliers.

Claim 39 (original): The gaming device of Claim 38, wherein at least two of the multipliers are different.

Claim 40 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the modifier includes a multiplier.

Claim 41 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 42 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein multiplier increments for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 43 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a predetermined amount.

Claim 44 (original): The gaming device of Claim 40, wherein the multiplier increments by a randomly determined amount.

Claim 45 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the number of free spins is randomly determined.

Claim 46 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the number of free spins is predetermined.

Claim 47 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein the outcome includes at least one of the following: an award, a value, a modifier, a free spin, a free game and a game element.

Claim 48 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 49 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, wherein at least one free spin of the reels is provided to the player for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 50 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes at least one payline associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the payline.

Claim 51 (original): The gaming device of Claim 34, which includes a plurality of paylines associated with the reels, wherein at least one of the sections is obtained when the designated symbol combination including the section indicator symbol associated with said section occurs on the paylines.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) ~~initiating~~ providing to a player a plurality of free spins of the reels;
- (b) displaying a plurality of reels having a plurality of symbols, an outcome, and a plurality of sections associated with said outcome to a player, said symbols including a plurality of different section indicator symbols, wherein said section indicator symbols are associated with each of said sections;
- (c) activating the reels for each of the provided free spins;
- (d) determining whether a designated combination of said section indicator symbols are indicated on the reels;
- (e) obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels;
- (f) eliminating the section indicator symbol included in said designated symbol combination from the reels when said designated symbol combination is indicated on the reels;
- (g) repeating steps (c) to (g) until there are no free spins remaining or until all of the sections are obtained; and
- (h) providing the outcome to the player when a designated number of the sections are obtained.

Claim 53 (original): The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols is indicated on the reels includes removing the section.

Claim 54 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes obtaining all of the sections when a designated symbol combination including at least one wild symbol occurs on the reels.

Claim 55 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes associating at least one multiplier with the section indicator symbols.

Claim 56 (original): The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 57 (original): The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier for a plurality of designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 58 (original): The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier by a predetermined amount.

Claim 59 (original): The method of Claim 55, which includes the step of incrementing the multiplier by a random amount.

Claim 60 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of randomly determining the number of free spins.

Claim 61 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of pre-determining the number of free spin

Claim 62 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for each designated combination of the section indicator symbols that occurs on the reels.

Claim 63 (original): The method of Claim 52, which includes the step of providing at least one free spin of the reels to the player for a plurality of the designated combinations of the section indicator symbols that occur on the reels.

Claim 64 (original): The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a payline associated with the reels.

Claim 65 (original): The method of Claim 52, wherein the step of obtaining at least one of the sections includes obtaining at least one of the sections when said designated combination of the section indicator symbols occurs on a plurality of paylines associated with the reels.

Claim 66 (original): The method of Claim 52, wherein the steps (a) to (h) are provided to the player through a data network.

Claim 67 (original): The method of Claim 66, wherein the data network is an internet.